

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 7, 2017

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Gary Cameron answered roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Kate Thurston, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES: Conner moved to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2017 meeting as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. Attended the Jazzy reception. This is the Japanese/American Society reception.
2. We had a Community Crossing meeting regarding the 2018 project with Jerry Sitton.
3. Chief Jenkins and I attended an ambulance meeting with the County.
4. On November 1 we had the dedication ceremony for the Carol Jenkins-Davis Park. We traveled to Martinsville on November 2nd for a program honoring Carol's life. The family was very appreciative.
5. November 14th is Youth in Government Day.
6. The evening of November 14 the ECDC will hold a town hall meeting.
7. November 17 is Christmas on Main and Coats for Kids.
8. November 18 is the Big Brothers and Sisters Gala.
9. November 20 applications for the next phase of Cherry Street and the walking trail are due.
10. November 28th we will hold a town hall meeting at the 201 Building.
11. We are beginning the right of way acquisition phase of Cherry Street. If Council would like an executive session to discuss the process please let me know.
12. Toured the City Sunday night during the storm. There was an amazing amount of water.
13. We are completing the paper work on the 2018 Community Crossings projects for the Spencer Street culverts.
14. County Commissioners ambulance meeting – We are not really sure why we were invited. We think they may want us to turn in a proposal. Pavey asked Council if they wish to investigate the matter. He said he welcomes involvement from Council. The

Commissioners are very vague as to what they want. The timeline for proposals was February 1st but that was changed to May 1st. After discussion Cameron made a motion to move forward and explore the matter. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

15. Met with Joe Peacock regarding housing. HWC is mediating as to what the costs are and who pays for what. We will keep Council updated.
16. Checked with the Auditor regarding tax certificates on properties. There are none this year.
17. Pavey received a packet from the census bureau. He said we are graded on population. Pavey said Carla normally fills this out, however he asked Councilman Berkemeier to look it over to see if we are providing what is needed.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Copley asked Council to consider Transfer Resolution 2017-34. Bridges moved to approve Resolution 2017-34. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Bridges said there was a serious accident by the school last week. He said he thought the signage we put up was effective, but thought we may need more attention to this area. He suggested putting up flashing lights that are solar powered. Superintendent Vance said the school would partner with us. Mayor Pavey said he has some prices and will send them to Bridges.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – Nothing.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Councilman Cameron said they had their wrap up meeting. They already have some bands under contract for next year.
- **Marketing** – Nothing.
- **APC/BZA** – Nothing.
- **City Center** – Discussion later on the agenda.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – We are in phase II of the right-of-way acquisition.
- **Brownfield Grant** – They continue drilling at the Flatrock Grill property.
- **ECDC** – Nothing.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker handed out monthly statistics reports.

The Board of works accepted the resignation of Chris Reynolds, Dispatcher.

The Board of Works hired Nathan Davis and Larry Strobel for patrolman positions contingent upon perf approval.

Body camera update – They have raised \$40,000.00 to date. They are still waiting for one more possible donation. If no more money is received we will need financing for \$62,811.00.

Update on damaged vehicle – Tucker handed out numbers for the value of the vehicle and equipment replacement. He said if the radios check out okay they will have a deficit of approximately \$2,000.00. He asked permission to go ahead and order the new vehicle. He said the Prosecutor will pursue restitution. Smith moved to permit the Chief to order the new replacement vehicle. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Park – Park Director Burklow said the re-dedication of the park ceremony was very nice. He presented potential drawings for the park.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: Bridges said the Veteran’s Day program will be this Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at the Veteran’s bridge.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance Review or Creation** –
 - a. **Sidewalk Removal** – Newhouse sent out a document today for review and direction from Council. Council asked for additional time to review.
 - b. **Items that are Deemed Offensive or Objectionable** – This is for vendors that are marketing things that we may not want to be marketed in the City. Julie Newhouse put together a contract for vendors.
2. **Noise Ordinance** – Berkemeier said he thought we need a waiver for emergency situations. Smith said the Mayor should have the authority to make executive exemptions. An ordinance will be prepared for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **City Center (PSI)** - Jim Christie presented a package from Performance Services regarding the City Center project. Christie explained the project and the timeline. They are anticipating substantial completion by June 2018. Berkemeier moved to approve the contract as presented. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Conner moved to approve the claims as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Councilman Conner said the sink hole at Hollywood Drive is getting worse. Pavey said they will need to put in new section of road.

Someone also inquired about street lights on Barbara Drive. Pavey said we need to determine how we want to move forward with street lights and where we need to place them. Smith said we probably need to get a program in place. Cameron said he will look into the matter.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Conner moved to adjourn. Smith seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.